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FOLLOWING IS CURRICULUM VITAE OF AMBASSADOR W. BEVERLY CARTER, JR. REQUESTED REFTEL:

W. BEVERLY CARTER, JR., HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES SINCE HIS ELECTION IN APRIL 1972.

MR. CARTER IS A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE INFORMATION OFFICER. PRIOR TO ENTERING THE FOREIGN SERVICE, MR. CARTER WORKED AS A REPORTER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER. HIS FIRST POSITION, FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE, WAS WITH THE PHILA-DELPHIA TRIBUNE, ONE OF AMERICA'S OLDEST BLACK-OWNED NEWSPAPERS. IN 1945, AT THE AGE OF 24, MR. CARTER WAS APPOINTED CITY EDITOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA AFRO-AMERICAN. IN 1954, HE WAS A CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES HOUSE
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OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM PENNSYLVANIA'S FOURTH CONGRESS-IONAL DISTRICT.

MR. CARTER WAS NAMED PUBLISHER OF THE PITTSBURGH COURIER CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS IN 1955 AND CONTINUED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THAT PUBLISHING GROUP UNTIL HE JOINED USIA. HIS

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FIRST OVERSEAS POST CAME IN JANUARY 1965, WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED PRESS ATTACHE AT NAIROBI, KENYA. HE SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE IN NIGERIA WITH THE DIPLOMATIC RANK OF COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

BORN AT COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, MR. CARTER ATTENDED PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CENTRAL HIGH, AND WAS GRADUATED FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PENNSYLVANIA. HE HAS DONE GRADUATE STUDY AT THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH IN NEW YORK CITY AND THE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. MR. CARTER IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER CARLYN B. POGUE OF WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO IS ALSO A CAREER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE.

PRIOR TO ENTERING GOVERNMENT SERVICE, MR. CARTER TRAVELED WIDELY IN AFRICA. HIS FIRST TRIP WAS MADE IN 1952. HE HAS NOW VISITED 30 OF THE INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES ON THAT CONTINENT.

MR. CARTER AUTHORED A SERIES OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES FOLLOWING HIS FIRST TRIP ENTITLED, "AFRICA: THE NOT SO DARK CONTINENT," AND HAS LECTURED EXTENSIVELY ON AFRICA AT UNIVERSITIES AND FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCES.

A LIFE MEMBER OF THE NAACP, HE HAS SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGAL REDRESS COMMITTEE OF THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
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OF THAT CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, AND HAS SERVED AS THE SECRETARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ADVISORY FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMITTEE. MR. CARTER WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION AND HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

FROM NOVEMBER 1969 UNTIL JUNE 1972 MR. CARTER SERVED AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. HE SERVED AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA FROM JULY 1972 UNTIL OCTOBER 1975. SINCE APRIL 1976 MR. CARTER HAS BEEN THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA. VANCE

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